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LEO'S ENCYCLICAL.

An Important Utterance on the Manitoba School Question by the Pope.

His Holiness Not Satisfied With Concessions Granted and Advises Accordingly.

Rome, Dec. 24.—The Pope's encyclical on the Manitoba school question is published here this evening. After reviewing the religious history of Canada and eulogizing its scholastic institutions, His Holiness expresses regret at the position taken seven years ago in Manitoba relative to Roman Catholic schools, and specifies the rights of Roman Catholics according to federal agreement. Containing the pope's condemnation of the school systems based on religious neutrality, praises the zeal the bishops have displayed on the question and regrets that all Roman Catholics are not equally united, owing to political passions. He admits that the authorities have done something to diminish the conveniences in school legislation, but declares this to be inadequate and exhorts Roman Catholics to persist in claiming all their rights, though they must not refuse any partial reparations obtainable, with a view to reduce the perils in the way of the education of youth.

In conclusion, the pope in his encyclical says that in the event of these being unobtainable, Roman Catholics should provide their own schools, and adopt under the guidance of their bishops a programme of study in consonance with their religion and all literary and scientific progress.

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The officers and members of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, I.O.O.F., are hereby requested to meet at their lodgings, Douglas street, on Monday, December 27th, at 2 p.m., for the purpose of attending the funeral of Brother Richard Roberts, P.G.M.

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No Mention of Individual Awards in the Decision of the Behring Sea Commissioners.

The Announcement That the Sum of \$464,000 Is Granted Is Undoubtedly Correct.

RAILWAY LANDS.

Agreement Between Commissioners Rothwell and McKenna Is Approved.

A Satisfactory Arrangement Reached Regarding the Farwell Grant Dispute.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—(Special)—The agreement between the government of British Columbia and J. A. J. McKenna and G. G. Bothwell, on behalf of the Dominion government, in regard to the administration of lands within the railway belt upon the mainland of the province, has been approved by the governor-general-in-council. The date of the provincial statute of 1883 transferring the lands in the railway belt to the Dominion is agreed upon as the date of transfer.

From the lands so transferred are reserved the lands granted by the province or conveyed by pre-emption at that date, but all pre-emptions abandoned or cancelled prior to 1883 belong to the Dominion, and all pre-emptions abandoned or cancelled after that date will belong to the province. All the lands covered at that date by sales or applications to purchase on account of which moneys had been paid to the province shall be under the control of the province, provided that all lands so covered by sales which had been cancelled or for which applications to purchase lapsed prior to that date, shall be regarded as having passed to the Dominion; but if the lands so sold were abandoned or applications to purchase lapsed after that date, the lands shall belong to the province. Provisions are made that both governments will accept each other's surveys.

A satisfactory arrangement has been made about the registration of Dominion patents for dealing with the lands known as Farwell grant. The agreement is viewed here as satisfactory to both parties.

The public accounts were issued to-day. The important figures have already been published. The deficit was about half a million for the year.

It seems that with a view to securing a reduction in postage from Great Britain and other British possessions on mail matter to Canada, it is expedient to bring into force on the 1st of January next, the intended reduction from five cents per ounce to three cents per ounce on letters from Canada to Great Britain and the rest of the empire. The Imperial authorities prefer that a conference be first held to secure a reciprocal reduction of postage both ways between Canada and the rest of the empire, and which it is hoped will cover not only letters, but papers and periodicals. The hearty acquiescence of the British and colonial authorities on this larger question is looked for, and the outcome of the discussions and negotiations will in all probability result in the establishment of a British imperial preferential postal arrangement, covering the whole field of postal communication.

STEAMER NAKUSP BURNED.

Mysterious Fire Destroys a C.P.R. Boat and Cargo at Arrowhead.

Revelstoke, B.C., Dec. 24.—Fire started last night about 24:30 on board the steamer Nakusp, while lying at the dock at Arrowhead. She was loaded with freight for southern points. The fire is supposed to have started in the pantry, and made such headway that it was impossible to check it. The steamer was burned to the water's edge, together with her cargo, which consisted of hay and feed. Her machinery is not expected to be damaged to much extent. The cause of the fire is unknown. The steamer was insured. The fine new steamer Roseland will take her run.

THE ALLROED FAMINE.

Important Statements Regarding the Situation at Dawson City.

In regard to the contradictory reports about the conditions in Dawson, Mr. D. P. Quinlan, an interview with whom appeared in last evening's Times, says the starvation reports are being circulated by men who went in without provisions and not being able to buy any had to turn back. Because there are no provisions for sale, it does not follow that all have not enough to last them throughout the winter. There was some talk of posting a guard stone, but, he said, he was found that all who were shot had lost for Fort Yukon. Mr. Quinlan particularly mentioned the Times representative against an interview with a Mr. Lindsay, which had appeared in the Skagway News, and told of certain starvation. Mr. Lindsay was one of those who went in light and had to turn back. Mr. Quinlan says there are two warehouses in Dawson, built of logs and situated, and up the river there are several barges on the bars, loaded with meat. This meat can be taken to Dawson when the river rises.

The German ship Adelaide has finished loading at St. John's, and she will leave for the United Kingdom in a few days with 54,000 cases of salmon. The Adelaide is the last of the fleet to sail, the Lebo having sailed a few days ago with 31,300 cases. The salmon fleet for the year was composed of eleven sailing vessels and one steamer, carrying to the United Kingdom in all about 257,000 cases of salmon valued at £2,028,000. Mr. Alex. Mcdermott of this city, loaded the eleven ships, an aggregate of 21,500 tons, taking 10,000 cases of salmon.

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THE SEALING AWARD

The Official Statement Contained in an Announcement from the State Department.

The Finding of the Arbitrators is Received With Satisfaction in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The official statement of the award of the sealing commissioners is contained in the following announcement given out at the state department this afternoon: "The award of the Behring Sea Claims Commission has been filed with the department of state. The claims as presented by the British government to the commissioners on account of Canadian vessels seized in Behring sea aggregated with interest \$1,500,000. This included under the terms of the treaty several cases not embraced in the settlement proposed by Secretary Gresham. The award now made amounts to \$294,181.61, to which is to be added interest, which will increase the total by about 50 per cent. The award is final and disposes of all cases before it. Payment under the treaty must be made within six months."

Departmental officials, it is assumed, will proceed at once to prepare a bill of amendment to one of the regular appropriation bills for submission to congress, covering the appropriation necessary to pay the judgments, for being bound by treaty not only to pay any judgments rendered but to pay them promptly, the government is in honor bound to take the remaining steps towards a settlement in short order. There appears to be little doubt that the United States has carried its point on the main question involved, viz., as to the right of prospective damages for seal skins which might have been taken if the vessels had not been seized. The British claim included these estimated profits, which in the aggregate ran the claim up to a high figure.

In view of the small amount of the actual award without interest, these large prospective damages evidently are scaled down to an insignificant amount or rejected entirely. While the department officials will make no definite announcement to this effect, intimations are given that the smallness of the award precludes the possibility of any allowances having been made on account of prospective damages. The Alabama committee established the precedent that remote damages could not be included in a claim, and the present award is evidently on the same line.

General John W. Foster, who is in general charge of Behring sea affairs, said to-night as to the award he was not surprised at the result. President Cleveland having officially declared that \$425,000 was a just and equitable sum in settlement, and having appointed him as commissioner to adjudicate the claims, as a close personal and political friend it could hardly be expected that Mr. Foster would strenuously contend for an award of a less amount. Mr. Foster was absent from the country in Japan when congress took action on President Cleveland's recommendation, but he regarded the commission as the proper method of reaching a settlement and the only one which would satisfy.

Notwithstanding the seizures which gave rise to the award were initiated under a Democratic administration, President McKinley will doubtless unhesitatingly recommend congress to provide for the payment, and Mr. Foster hoped and felt sure that congress would make the necessary appropriation to discharge the treaty obligation, and as the Canadians are to receive interest up to date on their deferred claims, the result should be accepted on both sides in good spirit.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The announcement of the finding of the sealing arbitrators is received with satisfaction here. The controversy has occupied the attention of the authorities here and in London for many years. At the outset the tone on both sides was very belligerent, suggesting a possible resort to arms. This was followed later by the Corwin seizing the Carolina and Thornton on August 1, 1886. The facts of the seizure were not known until some time later, and in the meantime the Corwin had taken the Onward and Favorite. The same policy of seizure and confiscation continued, during several sealing seasons despite the protests of Great Britain. The United States cutter Richard Rush took the Seward, Grace, Anna Beck, Dolphin, Alfred Adams, Triumph, Junta, Pathfinder, Black Diamond, Lily, Ariel, Kate and Minnie, while the United States cutter Bear took the Ada.

The claims for these seizures took a wide range, beginning with the value of the vessels and the outfit, and including not only the seal skins confiscated, but also the value of the skins which may have been taken if the schooners had not been seized. The last feature of prospective damages, caused the main contention. In the case of each British ship the largest item of the claim was for estimated further catch. For instance in the case of the Carolina the claim for the skin was only \$4,000, while that for skins which might have been taken that year, if she had not been seized, was \$16,000. Each ship estimated a prospective catch of from 2,500 to 3,000 skins. The total of the claims, without interest at 7 per cent, and other additions, reached \$756,160.

OUTLOOK IN CHINA

Russia Superintending the Reconstruction of the Forts at Port Arthur.

Japan Greatly Disturbed Over the Situation—What Will Uncle Sam Do?

London, Dec. 23.—The Pekin correspondent of the Times says:

The Chinese are provisioning Port Arthur, and will reconstruct the forts there, Russia supervising and furnishing the money. In the face of this indication of permanent occupation, the necessity of safeguarding our position in the east increases. The Russo-Chinese bank, which is the agent of the Russian government, has offered China 120,000 German rifles, with payment five years hence. China has accepted the proposal.

According to a dispatch to the Times from Kobe, Japan, the news from Port Arthur has greatly disturbed the Mikado's ministers. Long cabinet councils have been held and the high military officials have attended. The Japanese newspapers, the dispatch says, are nonplussed at the situation in the far east, while the ministry is involved in domestic troubles connected with its taxation proposals, to which the diet has voted.

Commenting upon the strained relations between Russia and Japan over the Corcoran question the Chinese papers report that the Japanese army is full of Russian spies disguised as Japanese and that the army is being tampered with by Russian emissaries, who are doing all they can to stir up dissatisfaction among them.

Commenting upon the Kai Chou affair, the Asahi says the action of the Germans in having seized Kai Chou on the pretext of the murder of the missionaries is outrageous and that it disturbs the peace of the Far East. Japan cannot regard the matter lightly. Sooner or later a line of policy to be pursued about the affair must be decided. Japan must therefore make a protest, singly or jointly. It appears probable that the government has merely decided to take either of these steps when the time is opportune.

At the end of November there were 1506 banks in Japan, with an aggregate capital of \$12,074,514 yen. The total number of dissentient cases reported up to the end of November was 87,278, of which 23,545 proved fatal.

MEXICAN EARTHQUAKES.

City of Mexico, Dec. 23.—The National Meteorological Observatory reports much seismic activity on the Western coast, where there were earthquakes this morning at Salina Cruz, the Pacific terminus of the Tehuantepec railway, at Tehuantepec Jiltepec, Juchitán and the City of Oaxaca, where there was a prolonged subterranean roaring, causing consternation. The movement was both horizontal and vertical.

ANOTHER OCEAN LOG RAFT.

Portland, Dec. 23.—Capt. H. R. Robertson, president of the Roberson Raft Company, has let a contract for 1,000,000 feet of piling which will be made into a raft at Steila, on the Columbia river, and towed to San Francisco.

STRUCK BY A TRAIN.

New York, Dec. 23.—Twenty persons were injured, three perhaps fatally, at a grade crossing last night. They were in a stage which was struck by a train. The most seriously hurt are: Armand Snyder, William Crane, William Moran, Chas. Sweene and Nellie Washdyke.

To the aged, with their poor appetite, feeble constitution and impoverished blood Ayer's Sarsaparilla is a boon beyond price. Its effect is to check the ravages of time by invigorating every organ, nerve and tissue of the body. See Ayer's Almanac for the new year.

HALF-MILE RECORD.

Milwaukee, Dec. 23.—Walter C.桑格 yesterday afternoon broke his own world's indoor record for half a mile unpaired, riding the distance in 1 minute flat.



When a man neglects his health for a day he marks two days off the calendar of his life. When he neglects his health for two consecutive days he marks four days off his life's calendar. And so on. That's about the ratio, and it doesn't take many days to cross off an entire year. And yet men recklessly neglect their health for weeks at a time. It is the easiest thing in the world for even a man or woman to get good health and then keep it. It only needs a little stitch here and there. The big, dangerous maladies that threaten life are only the culminations of the little illnesses that are neglected.

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CLAIMS THE NILE.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Gill Blas to-day publishes a letter from Major Marchand, the French officer whose expedition it was recently erroneously reported from Brussels had been massacred. The letter, which is dated June 21st, says the work accomplished is enormous and by August 14th France would be firmly established on the Nile without firing a shot.

Commenting upon this communication, Gill Blas says the rivals of France can longer prevent her from being the mistress of the Nile.

LADY MILLAIS DEAD.

London, Dec. 23.—Lady Millais, widow of Sir John Millais, late president of the Royal Academy, is dead. Lady Millais was the divorced wife of John Ruskin, who voluntarily gave her up when it was evident that she loved Millais. Ruskin stood in the church while, in 1865, she was married to Ruskin.

NEW BANK FOR HONOLULU.

Honolulu, Dec. 22.—Announcement has been made that another bank will be established in the city shortly after the first of the year. The new concern is a branch of the big Pekin Banking Company.

THE BRITISH RETIRE.

Victoria, Labuan, Dec. 23.—The Sikh police force attacking the stronghold of the insurgent Matsullah has been forced to retire. Adjutant Jones and six Sikhs were killed.

ASIA MINOR EARTHQUAKES.

Constantinople, Dec. 23.—A number of earthquakes in increasing intensity have occurred around Smyrna, Asia Minor. Already considerable damage has been done and some persons have been killed and injured.

EXPLOSION OF FIREDAMP.

Dortmund, Prussia, Dec. 23.—An explosion of firedamp took place to-day at the Kaiserthal II. Pit with terrible results. Eight corpses have been brought to the surface, and seven men are living, but severely injured. There are five still missing.

Beware of Cocaine.

Thus, Hays, analytical chemist, Toronto, says: "I have made an examination of Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure for cocaine and any of its compounds from samples purchased in the open market, and find none present." Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure is a cure—not a drug. Price 25 cents, blower included.

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NOT YET CONCLUDED

Case Against Mr. Colhart, of the Province, Stands Over for a Week.

Captain Wolley's Regard for Newspaper Etiquette—Defendant's Evidence.

When the case of alleged libel against Mr. Ian Colhart, of the Province newspaper, was resumed yesterday morning the defendant went into the box and was examined by Mr. Archer Martin. Mr. Cassidy again appearing for the prosecution.

Following is a detailed report of the proceedings:

Witness was asked what his connection with the Province, Limited Liability. A.—I am secretary of the company.

Q.—Any other position? A.—I am a director.

Q.—When were you appointed secretary? A.—Since February 22nd, 1897.

Q.—And you have been a director since when? A.—Since 5th December, 1895.

Q.—Who are the other directors? A.—Hewitt Bostock and A. H. Scaife.

Q.—Who is the manager? A.—A. H. Scaife.

To the Court—By manager I mean managing director.

Q.—Who is the editor? A.—W. C. Nichol.

Q.—And has been since when? A.—4th of October, 1897.

Q.—As regards this company, what duties do you assume? A.—Purely secretarial duties.

Q.—And you receive what? A.—A salary of \$30 per month.

Q.—You are charged with having published a certain libel on December 11th. What do you say to it? A.—I say the charge is false.

Q.—I will ask you, did you know anything of this alleged libel before it was published? A.—Certainly not.

Q.—Did you see this article before it was published? A.—Certainly not.

Q.—Did you give any instructions for its publication? A.—Certainly not.

Q.—Had you any reason to suppose it would appear? A.—Nothing whatever.

Q.—Tell us what you have to do with the publication of the paper or its editorial work. A.—I have nothing whatever; my duties, as I have said, are purely secretarial.

Q.—You have nothing to do with the editorial work? A.—Nothing whatever.

Q.—Or any control over it? A.—No; no control of any kind.

Q.—You say Mr. Nichol was appointed editor. How was this selection made? A.—By the board, after the most careful consideration of the applicants.

Q.—What were his qualifications or recommendations for being suitable? A.—He was most unanimously recommended as being one of the brightest journalists in Canada.

Q.—Have his conduct and writings for the paper been watched by the board, of your own knowledge? A.—They have.

Q.—Has anything occurred to make you think the paper was being improperly or libellously conducted? A.—Oh, no.

Q.—When complaint was made to you as to this alleged libel, what course was adopted? A.—I consulted the company's solicitors, with the result that the sale of the paper was promptly stopped.

Q.—You heard Mr. Wolley's evidence yesterday? A.—Yes.

Q.—Mr. Wolley acted as editor for some weeks. When was the last date? A.—19th June.

Q.—That was the last time? A.—Yes, and he did not do all the work on that paper.

Q.—Mr. Wolley in his evidence said that you acted as manager for both companies and ran them as one concern. I ask you, what did you do outside of your own duties owing to Mr. Scaife's absence? A.—I had more to do than my own duties during that time, as Mr. Wolley was a raw hand at editing, and I tried to "show him the ropes" as much as possible, at Mr. Scaife's request.

Q.—Was this included in your proper duties? A.—No, not at all.

Q.—What ground had Mr. Wolley for saying you practically managed both companies and they were run as one concern? A.—I cannot imagine his reason for making such a false statement, for that is what it is, unless it was malicious.

The Court—That is what we call "consciousness."

Q.—Why from malice? A.—I don't think Mr. Wolley bears me any ill-will. We had a row.

Q.—Are you on speaking terms? A.—No.

The court asked the witness whether he and Mr. Wolley had a fight, to which the witness replied no, and his honor said he was interested about that, as it would indeed have been a war of giants had they done so.

Q.—The row was about the paper, was it not? A.—Yes.

Q.—Are separate books kept for these two companies? A.—Yes.

Q.—And separate banking accounts? A.—Yes.

Q.—In the same bank? A.—Yes; the Province Publishing Company bank at the Bank of Montreal and the Bank of British Columbia; the Province, Limited Liability, at the Bank of Montreal.

Q.—Have the Province, Limited Liability, a clerk in the office who sells the paper? A.—Yes.

Q.—Have you ever seen Mr. Wheeler selling copies of the paper? A.—No.

Q.—When Mr. Scaife returned and resumed the editorship did you return to your own duties? A.—Yes.

Cross-examined by Mr. Cassidy.

Q.—When did you become managing director of the publishing company? A.—On the formation of the company, as far as I can remember.

Q.—By this "board" you speak of, you mean the board of directors? A.—Yes.

Q.—There is no doubt from what you have said, and I don't suppose you wish to deny, that the newspaper is carried on under the direction of the board? A.—Do you mind saying that again?

Q.—The newspaper is carried on under the direction of the board? A.—Exactly.

Q.—And the editor in his writings is subject to the control of the board? A.—Well, he is in a way very much as a clock is subject to the person who winds it up.

Q.—Well, suppose the clock did not

according to the board keep the time of day, would they have the right to set it properly? A.—At their regular meetings they might pass a resolution, but unless the clock went seriously wrong they would not interfere.

Q.—Now, the attacks on Messrs. Turner and Pooley for their connection with companies had been going on in the Province for some time? A.—I really cannot say.

Q.—You read the Province? A.—Oh yes.

Q.—And you don't know that these attacks had been going on? A.—You use the word "attack."

Q.—Well, I will withdraw the word attack, and will say the line of observations which culminated in this article had been going on? A.—I suppose any live paper would take such a matter.

Mr. Martin here objected to Mr. Cassidy asking witness a question and then trying to get the answer put down in a different shape on the depositions. "It is," said Mr. Martin, "impossible to know whether he is asking a question or giving evidence himself."

Mr. Cassidy then asked the witness whether the line of observation which culminated in the article of December 11th had not been going on for some time, the expression "line of observation."

Q.—I mean blaming these gentlemen along the same lines as this article? A.—I don't think "blame" is the proper word.

Q.—Well, suggest a word. A.—I should say criticism.

Q.—Well, all right, criticism? A.—I don't know that there was any criticism of Messrs. Turner and Pooley before.

Q.—The truth of the matter is, you don't want to give me an answer? A.—You—

Q.—Well, will you put it this way: was the editor authorized by the board to criticize Messrs. Turner and Pooley? A.—The board never expressed any opinion about Messrs. Turner and Pooley that I ever heard.

Q.—Had Mr. Scaife anything to do with the management of the publishing company? A.—Oh, dear, no.

Witness here objected to the use by counsel of the name "publishing company," claiming that mistakes were liable to be made unless the two companies were referred to by their full titles, but the court pointed out that by counsel it had been arranged to refer to the Province, Limited Liability as the "newspaper company" and the Province Printing & Publishing Company as the "publishing company."

Q.—Who managed the newspaper company? A.—Mr. Scaife.

Q.—Besides editing the paper? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did anyone else manage it? A.—No, not that I know of.

Q.—Had anyone else anything to do with the management of it? A.—No.

Q.—Was anybody appointed manager of it when Mr. Scaife went away? A.—

Q.—At any time? A.—No, not at any time.

His Honor here commenced to make a suggestion to Mr. Cassidy as to some point sought to be obtained in cross-examination, and Mr. Cassidy said: "Your worship need not make any suggestion to me about cross-examination."

His Honor—Thank you.

Q.—Mr. Scaife was away at the time this article was published? A.—Yes.

Q.—And you were the only director of either company on the spot? Witness answered in the affirmative, but on Mr. Martin calling attention to the fact of "either company" having been mentioned, the answer was amended and witness said: "Oh, no."

Q.—You were the only one of the directors of the newspaper company on the spot at the time of the publication of the article complained of? A.—Yes.

Q.—Well, were there any of the directors of the publishing company in Victoria?

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Q.—Including editorial matter to go in the paper? A.—I don't remember particularly any editorial that week, but it is possible that there was some.

Q.—Did you not discuss with him what articles should be put in? A.—I don't quite understand.

Q.—Where was he? A.—In the hospital.

Q.—Well, you went down to see him and the question before you was what should go in the paper? A.—Oh, no; not before me.

Q.—Well, he was in the hospital and wanted the paper to come out as usual that week? A.—Yes.

Q.—What did he tell you? A.—I can't remember.

Q.—Did he talk to you about what he wanted to go in? A.—He had some copy written out, and not feeling well at the time—

Q.—He had most of his copy written. Did you write any copy under his direction? A.—I don't know what you mean by making copy.

Q.—Did you write anything by his direction? A.—Very likely I did.

Q.—As far as the manual part of the writing was concerned he was in a condition to do it? A.—Oh, yes, he was convalescent.

Q.—Did he dictate anything to you? A.—He did not dictate anything to me, as he would to a shorthand writer.

Q.—He just told you what he wanted in a general way? A.—No, he did not tell me in a general way what he wanted.

Q.—Is it not a fact that the Dewdney article was not written by Mr. Scaife? A.—Do you mean the article commenting on Mr. Colhart?

Q.—Yes; did Mr. Scaife write that? A.—Certainly.

Q.—When Mr. Colhart had this disagreement with you about the articles which were appearing in the paper, what did you say? A.—I had nothing to say at all.

Q.—Was he in anyway? A.—No, not at that time; not in anyway.

Q.—I think he is named as a printer. Was he employed in the publishing company's office at that time? A.—Yes.

Q.—Now, you say that you cannot think of anything that would warrant Mr. Colhart's statement that you practically managed both concerns and they were run as one thing. You say you cannot think of anything. Did you not have a conversation with Mr. Colhart to what course he was to take in editing the paper? A.—Certainly not.

Q.—You did not yourself suggest to Mr. Colhart making personal attacks on

certain individuals. You would deny that? A.—Certainly I deny that.

Q.—I produce to you a copy of the Province of November 27th, 1897. You have seen that before? A.—Yes, I presume so.

Q.—And you have read it? A.—I presume so.

Mr. Cassidy here interrupted, saying that unless it could be proved that the paper had been previous libels the publication of the previous issues of the paper was irrelevant.

Mr. Cassidy—I am trying to do the best I can to conduct this inquiry in a courteous manner, and I think my friend should do the same.

Mr. Martin replied that if his friend was doing the best he could, and not succeeding very well, and his honor said he added not alluding to that, although he would have mentioned that matter privately to Mr. Colhart, as he thought that gentleman had been inadvertently, although not perhaps intentionally, disengaged.

Mr. Cassidy asked if the court referred to his (Mr. Cassidy's) remark to the court when he was interrupted, in regard to the matter referred to him.

Mr. Cassidy said a good deal of "blackmail" had been done which was unnecessary, and drew from Mr. Martin the advice to speak for himself.

Mr. Cassidy then explained to the court that he was trying to prove that articles criticizing Messrs. Turner and Pooley in regard to the matter referred to him.

Mr. Martin, relying upon section 2 of the code, pointing out that it was necessary for the prosecution to prove that the previous articles were libelous and to ask the court to pass upon that point was to decide the whole case. His honor thought, however, that Mr. Cassidy's line of argument was admissible, and the paper was produced and shown to the witness.

Witness looked at the paper and was proceeding to examine it, when Mr. Cassidy said: "You don't think we have taken this up specially to show to you, do you?" Witness said: "I don't think so," and said he thought he had read the article on page 853 shown him, before, Mr. Cassidy proceeded to read the article to the court, but Mr. Martin objected, and another long argument took place on section 27 of the code. Some heat was displayed by counsel, owing to Mr. Cassidy's attempting to "railroad" the filing with the clerk of the paper he wished to put in, and on a suggestion from the court, it being now one o'clock, an adjournment was taken until 4 p.m.

Witness—What is the question? Mr. Cassidy—I have just put it.

Witness—What is it? Mr. Cassidy—I ask you if Mr. Wolley did not write an article for the paper and you stopped its publication?

Witness—I answer certainly not.

Another "confab" was held between Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Wolley and the examination continued.

Q.—Do you deny that you gave general instructions to the people getting up the paper that the expressions referred to were to be altered with your view if they appeared in any editorial? A.—I do.

Q.—Am I right in saying that you quarreled with Mr. Wolley on account of the article in connection with Hon. Edgar Dewdney which appeared in the Province the Saturday after the last article written by Mr. Wolley in the paper? A.—In the first place you are in error in saying that I quarreled with Mr. Wolley. He quarreled with me, which is a very different thing.

Q.—How many meetings of the boards have been held since he left? A.—I cannot say definitely without looking at the minutes, but I should say two.

Q.—Who has been acting as manager of the Province, Limited Liability since Mr. Scaife left? A.—None.

Q.—Has the editor an absolute free hand? A.—Within the limits I gave before. Mr. Nichol's reputation and recommendations were so very high that the directors often seeing his work expressed satisfaction with his mode of conducting the paper.

Q.—As he is a fact had a free hand? A.—I don't think that he has ever been called in question, but "giving a man a free hand" is rather too broad.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Charles Dickens was responsible for much of the Christmas cult; he was, in fact, the greatest apostle of high cockolorum from the middle of December to the middle of January, and no matter what sour cynics may say he did a great work. In an age that seems to be swiftly rushing towards the abyss of pessimism and dyspepsia, let us look upon Dickens in the light of a great benefactor to the race. His work may be full of literary demerit; he may be overgiven to gush and sensation; he may have frequently mistaken bathos for pathos, but in rescuing a great commercial matter-of-fact nation once a year from the iron grip of hard, practical facts and from its engrossing business cares and making most people for reasons many of them would find it difficult to explain, overflow with benevolence and good will, he deserves affectionate remembrance. What would the race become without such a happy break in its year-long toll? It is pleasant to know with something like certainty that while we in snug, comfortable Victoria are making merry around the festive board the hardy pioneers of the Yukon are provided for, and will not suffer those privations the earlier reports would have led us to believe they were destined to suffer.

There will be no issue of the Times tomorrow, and we take this opportunity of wishing every reader of the Times a merry Christmas.

THE SEALING AWARD.

Although the sum to be granted by the Commissioners in the Bering Sea Arbitration to the Canadian sealers is larger than the sum the sealers offered to take two years ago (\$425,000), and which President Cleveland was in favor of paying, but which the United States senate rejected, it is undoubtedly the fact that the sealers will not, if that award be final, get their full rights. It is no wonder that the Victoria sealers have expressed dissatisfaction, for this matter is not being dealt with upon a business basis by the commissioners. In business where credit is granted interest is expected; no man or men should be expected to lie out of money without compensation. The sealers' claims have been proved just; the United States is their debtor; why should the United States not pay interest on this money just as a merchant would have to pay and would expect to pay interest on money borrowed from a bank or an individual? Unless the interest is added the sealers will not get their just due; and if it was not to secure exactly what is justly due to the sealers, for what, it may be asked, was the commission formed, and for what has it expended so much time and money? The sealers have no right to expect or accept a penny less than what is due to them. Why should there be a compromise? The dealer is well able to pay the interest without resort to distress. Add the interest to the sum said to have been agreed upon—\$464,000—and justice will be done all round, an amicable settlement reached, and this wearisome and apparently interminable wrangle ended forever. Otherwise the sealers will not be fully compensated for their losses.

THE CLEVELAND DISASTER.

Captain Hall, of the wrecked steamer Cleveland, is credited with having remarked that he had lost faith in the metallic boat which is still missing, and which none of the Cleveland's officers or crew who have been rescued ever expect to hear of again. The question naturally arises—Why did not Captain Hall, being convinced of the unsoundness of the metallic boat, put the boat ashore at the last port of call and have it replaced by a wooden boat in which he had confidence? His neglect to do this has perhaps caused the death of eight seamen. It is possible that the metallic boat and its occupants may yet be found, but experienced navigators (Captain Hall and Mate Durfee) who know the boat are very positive that she has gone to the bottom with her crew. This is a very serious matter, and in Great Britain would call for a searching board of trade inquiry into all the circumstances connected with the case. As we have suggested, it was Captain Hall's duty to get rid of that dangerous and unseaworthy boat at the earliest possible opportunity and to replace it with one fit for use. We understand the steamer Cleveland was a well-found and seaworthy vessel, and that she duly passed the regular inspection by the government officials. For what reason, then, did Captain Hall suppress his opinion about the metallic boat until too late, and run so

terrible a risk? The worst that could have happened to the metallic boat has perhaps already occurred, and when it is proved beyond question that she went down with her crew in the storm, we cannot see how Captain Hall can free himself entirely from blame. It would be interesting to have this matter thoroughly scrutinized by the proper authorities and an understanding of some sort come to. The matter is one which certainly calls for notice, for not only the lives of seamen, but of passengers are endangered by such laxity.

JOHN TO JOSEPH.

A few days ago we had the pleasure of offering our sincere congratulations to Mr. Joseph Hunter, M.P.P., upon a great honor which has been done to him by the peculiar people whom he admires so much. We refer to the interesting requisition in which the Chinese residents of the Cariboo electoral district, desirous of marking the high esteem and affectionate regard they entertain for the gentleman who has adopted them as the only people fit to live in this province, and to show him the gratitude they feel for all he has done, is doing and intends to do to further Chinese interests in British Columbia, ask Mr. Hunter to allow himself to be nominated as a candidate at the next general election to represent the district, and especially the Chinese, in the local house. Mr. Hunter has of his own free will done this in so fatherly and tenderly solicitors a manner, both in and out of the house, that this requisition is nothing more than his noble philo-Chinese work merits. As might naturally have been expected, our remarks respecting the requisition aroused intense public interest and curiosity, and to gratify the very general desire which has been expressed to know more of a matter which is unique in the history of the province, we take pleasure in laying before our readers a copy of the identical requisition with the names of all the distinguished Mongolian capitalists and swineherds who crowded to the counter to paint on their cognomina in Chinese characters, which we regret being unable to reproduce in their original beauty. The requisition, strange to say, is not in Chinese, but in the vulgar English tongue. A veracious correspondent informs us that the original document was drawn up in the pidgin English of the Chinese ports and began in this fashion: "You heap belly good man Tyche Joseph Hunter, alla China boy heap mucche kowyou; you; you alla same China boy; big good; you come top-side alla time; for long time China boy, save you watchee; biyou strong for catchum China boy in teleot in British Columbia. China boy heap mucche pieces savey dead an singee alla time: 'What a blend we alla time have in Joseph,' etc., etc. The requisition now put into Mr. Hunter's hands by his Chinese admirers, supporters and shkoom tliccum, who are determined to see him at the top of the tree and bearing upon his finely-balanced head the mandarin's hat, is as follows:

REQUISITION

To Joseph Hunter, Esq., Quesnel Forks, B. C.:

Dear Sir: We, the undersigned residents in the Cariboo Electoral District, having full confidence in your ability, being acquainted with your political record and knowing your interests, respectfully request that you will allow yourself to be nominated as a candidate at the ensuing general election to represent this district in the provincial legislature. In the event of your acceding to this requisition, we promise you our influence to secure your election. Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) JAMES W. ROBERTSON.
Commissioner.

I am sorry that the British Columbia farmers take the view which they do of the work of this department in Prince Edward Island. Such work has benefited Prince Edward Island very greatly, and has not to any extent at all injured British Columbia. The same is true of our work in the Northwest Territories. At the present time, butter is being delivered in Vancouver and other cities from Montreal at lower prices than we have been selling creamery butter from the Northwest Territories. So long as the farmers of British Columbia do not produce enough butter for their own population, it must be imported from somewhere. Surely it is better to be imported from the farmers of the Northwest Territories, who will thereby become customers for British Columbia fruit, than to have it imported from the States to the South; or even from Ontario or Quebec, whose butter might otherwise go to Great Britain, I am.

Yours very truly,
JAMES W. ROBERTSON.
Commissioner.

We welcome to our exchange table the youngest of British Columbia journals, the "Klondike Review," of Victoria, a very attractive looking eight-page weekly. The paper is full of bright and interesting matter regarding Klondike and Victoria; is well printed on fine paper and is sold for the moderate sum of five cents per copy. The "Klondike Review," we hope, will enjoy a long life, and also that it will do a useful work in helping the great outside public to realize that Victoria and the British Columbia cities are the only proper outfitting places:

In our remarks regarding the Cassiar Central railway concession yesterday we were careful to point out that we had no fault to find with the company which obtained it; only with the stupidity and folly of the government which gave it away. The company will, no doubt, bring a great deal of capital into the province, and in some way its activity may serve as a kind of mitigation of the effects of the awful blunder of which the Turner government has been guilty. No language is too strong to condemn a government that could give such proof of pitiful incompetency.

Another government chicken about to leave the roost. The Rossland Miner discussing the government's action regarding the bonassing of the Boundary railway system says:

"If the government is going to be weak-kneed in this matter the Miner would like to know it at the earliest moment, for it will not stand patiently by and see the golden opportunities for the advancement of the public welfare so completely sacrificed."

GOVERNMENT GROUNDS.

To the Editor: Until the last week there was a decent gravelly along the main street; now it is a dirty, stony piece of roadway, wet and muddy. Is this being looked after by the city or by the most incompetent government of British Columbia? It is a disgrace and a nuisance to all residents.

JAMES RAY.

COLLAR BUTTON A GOOD PILL.

A Huntingdon man bought two pills and then in his vest pocket. He also bought a pearl collar button and put it in the same pocket. When he came time to take a pill he just stuck his hand in his mouth and gulped it down. He was relieved of his headache, and went on his way rejoicing. Afterward having use for the collar button he felt in his pocket and found two pills and no collar button. Tyrone Daily Herald.

The first of the series of the J.B.A. A. whilst tournaments was concluded last evening, the first prize in last night's match being won by Mr. J. H. Hemsworth, while R. C. Trimble won the trophy prize. The second series will commence on the first Thursday in January.

"I know one man," said the quiet young woman, "who is famous for his respect by both sides whenever he speaks in Congress."

"He must have a lot of influence."

"I hope he has. He's the chaplain."

Washington Star.

Police magistrate (at Desplains street station)—The fine for attempting to hold up this man will be \$3.

Holiday man (deeply hurt)—It ain't fair, r'r' hon'r! I didn't get a cent from him,

I'll have to pay it out of my own pocket!

—Chicago Tribune.

For Xmas presents—Feather bows, handkerchiefs, kid gloves, umbrellas, at the Lansdowne House, 86 Yates street, John Partridge.

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"Can't say," replied the representative.

"Did you ever feel like leaving a table when a baked possum was on it?"—Atlanta Constitution.

"Our doctor doesn't like Aunt Maria."

"Why not?"

"When the baby has cramps she always cures him before the doctor gets here."

—Chicago Record.

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order table's usin' it. Yo' turn next, sah.

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LOCAL NEWS.

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The county court holidays commenced
today and will be continued until Jan-
uary 3rd.

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sets at the Lansdowne House, 86 Yates
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The minister of agriculture has au-
thorized the formation of a farmers' in-
stitute in Comox district.

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present with every purchase of one dol-
lar and over for this week. Fans, purses,
boys' and men's ties, boys' handkerchiefs,
etc. Argyle House.

The charge of forgery against Hock
Taw was last evening dismissed by Mr.
Justice Drake, who said there was a
doubt in his mind as to the guilt of the
prisoner, and he would give him the bene-
fit of the doubt.

There will be a meeting of the Young
Women's Christian Association on Mon-
day afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in their new
rooms over Spencer's Arcade (entrance
on Broad street). All members are re-
quested to attend.

Charles Beach, one of the Telegraph
company's delivery boys, received a very
painful and ugly wound yesterday after-
noon, running against a live wire. The
wire caught him across the face burn-
ing the flesh almost through to the bone.

The fiend who last spring mutilated
a number of animals in the vicinity of
Rox, Fowl and McNeil's bays is at
work again. Last evening a horse pas-
turing in a field on St. Charles' street
was frightfully mutilated, its tongue being
cut out. The police have so far been
unable to find any clue to the perpe-
trator.

The coal dealers' Christmas gifts to
their patrons consists of a little increase
in the price of fuel. They are about
to announce an increase from \$8 to \$5.50
in the price of sack coal and a corresponding
increase in the price of other grades. The dealers have also agreed
that hereafter each dealer will have but
one up-town office.

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Great Western Mining Company, the
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Ontario Gold Mining Company, the
Republic Gold Mining Company, the St.
Mary Gold Mining Company, the Virgin-
ia Gold Mining Company, the West
Le Roil & Josie Consolidated Mining
Company, and the Wonderful Group Mining
Company have been registered as extra-
provincial companies. The certificate of
incorporation of the Tequart Mining
Company is also published in the current
issue of the Gazette.

Mr. Richard Roberts, one of Victoria's well known merchants, died this
morning at his home on Blanchard
street, at the advanced age of 73 years.
The deceased was a native of Liverpool,
England. He was one of the pioneers
in 1862 in Cariboo, where he remained
until 1865, when he started business as
a merchant tailor in Victoria. He has
served in the highest office in Odd Fel-
lowship. Mr. Roberts leaves a widow, one
daughter (Mrs. Turner) and two sons.
The funeral will take place from the
family residence, No. 8 Blanchard
street, on Monday at 2 p.m.

At the coming session of the legislature
John Cobeldick will apply for an
act to incorporate a company for the
purpose of stimulating and assisting in-
vention and application, with a view to
the discovery of and introduction of better
mechanical means and chemical
methods for the mining and recovery of
the gold and other precious substances
known to be and believed to be contained
in the submerged auriferous gravel de-
posits and other gravel deposits of the
province, and for a concession of ex-
clusive use of and a right to operate by
the use of these inventions and improved
methods in certain limited areas.

Last evening on Mr. Hanna's return
from meeting the Charmer he was sur-
prised to find two young gentlemen in his
undertaking parlors helping themselves
to a meal. One of them was comfort-
ably laid in the coffin, dressed in an un-
dershirt and a white shirt; the other was
dressed the same, and waiting to settle
for the coffin before taking their departure
with it for the house of a friend, to whom they intended giving a surprise,
as they said. On Mr. Hanna ordering
them to get dressed, saying the police
were after them, they descended in the
back they had in waiting at the door.
Soon, however, they returned and asked
to be allowed to buy a coffin. On being
again refused they departed for the
cemetery, as they said, to bury one without
a coffin, and were soon followed by
the police in another back. One of the
men was overtaken and was this morning
fined \$5 for drunkenness.

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sonable prices. Open every evening un-
til Christmas, 88 Yates street.

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on draught at 5 cents per glass, at the
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cheapest restaurant in the city. Never
closed.

A meeting of the military ball com-
mittee will be held at the Drill Hall on
Monday evening at 6 p.m., to settle all
business in connection with the ball re-
cently held.

The Emanuel Synagogue will be
open on Sunday evening for the purpose of
a public examination of the Sabbath
school children. Addresses will be delivered
by Rabbi Lieberman and S. Schultz.
The public is cordially invited.

There will be no band concert at
the Drill Hall to-morrow evening, the
entertainment having been postponed un-
til Monday evening, when Capt. Beach
will give an exhibition of his aquatic
feats.

Mr. Justice Walkman has granted a
decree absolute of divorce from her
husband to Mrs. Lily Matthews. Mr.
Thornton Feil appeared for the petitioner,
and Mr. H. G. Hall for the respondent.

Come and win a Turkey at Cormier's.

A dispatch received last evening
states that an old man, Samuel Johnson,
presumably from Victoria, and died in
the insane asylum at Agnew's Cal. He
had certificates for \$7,000 on a Victoria
bank. Johnson was not known to the
Agnews authorities or in Victoria.

Last evening Mr. Smith, agent for
the Singer Sewing Machine Co., upon
entering his store on Broad street,
heard a great noise in the rear. He
reached the back door just in time to
see a man climbing up a pipe into the Y.
M. C. A. rooms, and reached the front
door in time to see him making tracks
along the street.

The newsand street boys' entertain-
ment will be held on Monday evening the
27th inst., in Temperance Hall. Only
newsboys and street boys not connected
with Sunday schools will be admitted.
Members of the committee can have tickets
for distribution, by applying to Mr.
T. M. Henderson or Rev. A. B. Win-
chester.

Mr. C. Marker, the creamery expert,
who has had charge of government
creameries in the Northwest, is a guest
at the Hotel Victoria. He will attend a
number of meetings to be held under the
auspices of the Dairying Association,
and will also lend assistance to the Cow-
ichan Creamery Association, who intend
endeavoring their creamery at Duncan's.

At the weekly meeting of the Sir
William Wallace Society, held yesterday
evening, the following officers were elec-
ted to serve during the coming year:
Chief, E. B. McKay; captain, James
Deans; secretary, R. H. Jameson; trea-
surer, John McCormack; Managing
committee—Auditors, Colin Campbell
and Sam Reid; chaplain, Rev. A. B.
Winchester and Rev. Dr. Campbell; pip-
er, A. Robertson; bard, Clefton Deans;
past chief, A. Hay.

The Proprietor Having Decided to go to the...

Klondike

In January, the whole of the large and
well selected stock of:

HATS and GENTS' FURNISHINGS

will BE ABSOLUTELY sold at cost AS
THIS IS BONA FIDE AN INSPECTION IS
INVITED.

E FRANK, Pro.

39 Gov't St., next to Redfern's.

We've Got 'em!

The most suitable things for
Xmas presents. Just what you
have been looking for. Nov-
elities in Neckwear; fine Hats,
Gloves, Scarfs, etc., etc. Hats
in express—50 doz. Neck-
wear and consignment of Hats
in newest blocks.

Samuel Sea, Jr.

Leading Gents' Furnisher.
60 Douglas Street,
Oldfellow's Block.

The best line of high grade silk-
cushions at Weier Bros. Also many
fancy articles.

FOR XMAS.

Toilet Cases,
Manicure Cases,
Mirrors,
Ebony Hair Brushes,

Roger & Gallet's Perfumes
In all odors.

American Perfumes
In Cut Glass Bottles.

SEE OUR WINDOW.

JOHN COCHRANE,
CHEMIST,
Northwest Corner of Yates and Douglas Streets

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Special Christmas Services To Be Held
in Many of the Churches
of the City.

The Churches Decorated Profusely and
Handsomely With Holly and
Evergreens.

Special Music To Be Sung by the
Various Choirs—The Sun-
day Services.

To-morrow will be Christmas, in accord-
ance with the usual custom, the churches
of the city will celebrate the season by
holding special Christmas services. All the
Anglican churches have been decorated
with holly, evergreens, and red and white
berries. The windows are placed in
such a way as to add to the general
artistic effect. Special music will be pre-
pared and special sermons will be preached.
The programme of the various services
is as follows:

Christ Church Cathedral.

Christmas morning—Holy Communion at
8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.; 11 a.m., the service
of the rite of Corpus Christi will preach.

The programme for the choral service
is as follows:

Hallelujah Chorus—Handel

Prophetic Hymn—Glory to the

Venite—Psalms for the day

Te Deum—Jackson

Antiphon—Wise Shepherds Watched

Their Flocks by Night—W. T. Best

Hymns—Elijah—Glory to the

Voluntary—Christmas Offering—Handel

Carols—O Come, All Ye Faithful—Handel

Singing out ye Rejoice—Handel

Processional Hymn—Glory to the

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SCALCHI COMPANY

The Famous Italian Singer at the Victoria Theatre Last Evening.

Some Things That Pleased and Some That did the Reverse.

"Ugh! Piano! Piano!" Signora Scalchi's jet black eyebrows came down over her flashing eyes, which were bent threateningly across the footlights at the unfortunate accompanist in the orchestra well, who was literally hammering out the prelude to the accompaniment of the song Scalchi was about to sing. Scalchi had been compelled to grant an encore and Scalchi did not like it. She had charged out from the back of the stage, and with the faintest suggestion of a bow to the rather (it must be confessed) small audience prepared to warble again. The fortissimo staccato of the pianist irritated her already irritated nerves, hence her exclamation address, perfectly audible in all parts of the house. And it was the same with Mlle. Toulinguet, a soprano robusto who appeared to be under the impression that she was engaged in a comic opera part before an audience of hoosiers. She conversed in undertones with the pianist, shrugged her shoulders with much hauteur at the applause of the audience and swaggered on and off the stage with much more of the goliathic swing of a dragoon than the willowy grace of a great prima donna. Mlle. Toulinguet, took no pains to conceal her soft opinion of the numerically small audience. In singing in the quartette in the first part her conduct was distinctly comique, to put it mildly. She was amusing in her side-long glances at the hard-working Signor Alberti, who was straining to do his best with a beautiful but difficult part. Mlle. Toulinguet threw quizzical looks at Mr. McQueen, the tenor robusto, who was climbing up among the constellations that he around the topmost notes for tenors. When she sang herself she carried on the same pretty pantomime with the pianist, an industrious gentleman who had to wrestle all night with a piano which had a game swing somewhere about the middle register, and emitted extraneous discords at irregular intervals, producing the same effect on high-strung musical nerves that the monotonous music of one we among the "excess of a saw is capable of." To Mlle. Toulinguet was very, very funny, and all through the first part she made no secret of her amusement. In the second part she had her amours too full for fun, and was kept busy handing her mate or Verdi's hue, one, crassus barrel-organ opera, "Il trovatore."

Now, all this sort of thing arises from an unfortunate misconception on the part of the artist as to who is who and what is what in Victoria. Last night's distinguished tenants of the boards at the opera house no doubt thought they were singing to an audience that had never heard anything better than the remains of a once-glorious contralto voice and a soprano that once entailed its owner to be called the prima donna of the imperial Grand Opera Company. That is where they made a great mistake. A majority of that audience have heard Scalchi's superiors, not in Victoria, perhaps, but elsewhere; and they have heard Mlle. Toulinguet's superiors, too, even in Victoria. The theatre-going population in Victoria is largely composed of Eastern Canadians and British people of the upper middle class who have enjoyed opportunities of hearing the best going in Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal, Halifax, St. John, etc., and "across the water" in the old land. Therefore no artist has a right to depart from the etiquette of the stage so flagrantly as Signor Scalchi and Mlle. Toulinguet did last evening. The same behavior that would be de rigueur at St. James's Hall, or on the stage of Her Majesty's Theatre, is quite as much to be expected here. Mlle. du Bedat was a most pleasing contrast; her manner is very sweet, ladylike and dignified; and she has a charming voice exquisitely trained.

The singing of Scalchi used to be magnificent; it is no longer so. The signs of advancing age are too plain. In anything beyond the softest passages she becomes strident, and in strong passages rawkish. Yet here and there came out the evidences of those splendid notes she was once wont to thrill Europe with, but they do not last. Scalchi must be reckoned now as one of the rear guard, like Patti and a few more of the elderly triers. Signor Alberti did the vivacity Toreador song with bull-fighting veracity, and very creditably. He has a strong, musical voice which is much better in the lower than in the higher register, where it is apt to become screechy. Perhaps, however, the Signor's high-starched collar had some effect in producing this rasping effect. Mr. McQueen's tenor has some fine qualities, but better voices have been heard here with much less heralding. It is a tenor capable of heavy work, and Mr. McQueen's method is excellent; still, like most of the other voices of the company, it was not altogether unexceptionable.

The best voice of the company is undoubtedly possessed by la-comique Mlle. Toulinguet. It is not only a sleek, robust voice, somewhat like its owner's, but shows at every note evidences of superb cultivation. When she exerted it to its full capacity it was admirable, and her management of the delicate modulations was very fine. It is a great pity that Scalchi and Toulinguet could not have given a duet that could have brought their voices into closer touch than was afforded in the "Trovatore" lines.

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A PACK TRAIN

Ordered to Proceed From Wyoming to the Klondike.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 23.—Orders were received here at 7 o'clock last evening by the quartermaster of the 8th United States Infantry, to have the army pack train of the department of the Platte, stationed here, leave for Alaska at the earliest possible moment. The pack train is in charge of Chief Packer Tom Mooney. He will have the entire outfit, consisting of ten expert packers and eighty trained and drilled pack mules, on the cars to-day ready to start.

WEST SAANICH.

The closing exercises of the West Saanich school were held on Friday afternoon, the 17th inst. The usual programme of classes was interspersed with readings, recitations and songs, the class singing being a special feature. The schoolroom had been nicely decorated by the children for the occasion and the old stove transformed into a new one by the same hands; and with the new seats in place the school room presented a very bright appearance, indeed. Thanks are due to the government for the new seats and a new fence and other repairs to the school property. There was a good number of friends and parents in attendance. The meeting closed with a rousing Christmas carol by the children.

FOR THE ALASKAN FLEET.

New York, Dec. 23.—C. P. Huntington has sold the 2,000 ton steamer *Morgan City*, now here, and it will sail in the course of two or three weeks for Seattle and South Alaskan ports. The purchaser is Joseph Ledge, and the price is about \$250,000. Mr. Ledge has given an order for several steamers for the transportation business. The *Morgan City* will be added to the fleet and will run between Seattle, Dyea and Skagway until June, when she will start with freight and passengers for St. Michaels, connecting at that place with the river boats.

NEWS FROM KODIAK.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—E. J. Willis, of this city, a member of the party that sailed on the schooner *La Nina*, for Copper River in October last, writes from Kodiak on December 4th, that there were about 150 prospectors, with their outfit, scattered along the trail between Eyak lake, over a level stretch of country known as the Grass Flats and the little Indian village of Anganak, anxious to push on into the interior as soon as the ice on the river is strong enough to permit travel.

TRAVEL TO KLONDIKE.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Travel from Australasia to the Klondike will be very heavy next year, and the Oceanic Steamship Company is preparing for it. All the available space on the Mariposa, due here in February, and the Moana, due here in February, has been engaged. In the case of the Moana the bulk of the passengers will come from New Zealand.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 23.—One of the worst blizzards which has visited this section in a number of years began last evening and continued unabated all night. Two feet of snow covers the ground and it is still coming down.

"77"

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COLDS

YOU FEEL FINE!

After a cure by "Seventy-seven" you will feel fine. Not like a rag, all played out, as if you had been drawn through a knot hole; as you do after other treatment; because "77" besides curing the Cold, tones up the system, braces you up, never lets you down; is a tonic from start to finish. You will appreciate this when you consider how debilitating a Cold and especially La Grippe is.

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At druggists or sent on receipt of price. Ask for Dr. Humphrey's Special Manual of all Diseases at your Druggists or Mail-order Houses. Med. Co., William and John Sts., New York.

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Provincial News.

VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—There is a good deal of murmuring regarding the action of the licensing board in refusing to increase the number of licenses. One applicant said to own property valued at \$200,000 cannot get a license for his hotel already in existence, and is debarred from building a large expensive hotel in the west end, owing to the action of the board. Of course, opinion is divided as to the wisdom or otherwise of the unyielding attitude of the commissioners.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has informed the council that unless the council and citizens pass the proposed by-law to exempt the railway property from taxation and to guarantee it for eight years against liability in respect of a bonus granted to any opposing railway, the company must decline to incur the present contemplated expenditure of some \$300,000 on new terminal buildings. Public opinion is greatly divided on the question.

Excellent cigars have been manufactured in Vancouver out of tobacco grown at Kelowna by Mr. Collins. The result gives assurance of a profitable tobacco culture in British Columbia.

There is great excitement in the stock market over Goldex Cache, which was quoted yesterday all the way from \$1 to \$1.40. The only sales reported were at \$1.15, \$1.20 and \$1.40, although it is reported that 1,000 shares were offered at \$1. The market, however, is also hysterical that the buyers seem to be governed more by impulse, and sellers, too, for that matter, than by a calm consideration of the situation. Some stockholders declare that the clean-up is not a disappointment to them; others say that it is a keen disappointment.

Athabasca is held somewhat firmer this last week, owing to favorable reports from Nelson. Mr. Brown, manager of the Erie Mountain properties at Harrison Lake, states that the mill will be running in January; in fact, all is ready now but the tramway, and the first difficult has been in getting the cable for the tram up the mountain.

Mr. G. C. Willis has returned to Vancouver after my extended honeymoon trip through California. Mr. Willis states that the Tiger-mine at Fort Steele, belonging to the Channe company, has closed down for the winter. About the first of the year Mr. Willis will visit the numerous properties of the Channe and renew active development work, when a camp will be started to work the coast properties.

The Chinatowns of New Westminster, Vancouver and Steveston are giving the authorities a good deal of trouble just now. Complaints of unhealthy overcrowding as usual take up a good deal of municipal attention; then there is a lot of petty thieving committed by Chinamen, especially in and about New Westminster, where Police Magistrate Corbould says there must be 300 Chinamen, who have since the close of the cannery season, have had so little to do as to be almost compelled to eke out a miserable existence by pilfering.

EAST Kootenay.

A large number of mining transfers are being made in mining properties in the vicinity of Fort Steele.

Fort Steele is soon to have a telephone connection. The line is to be brought around Kootenay lake and thence over the Crow's Nest branch to the road from Goat River.

Fort Steele is soon to have a Sisters' hospital.

The tunnel of the Dodo, on Wild Horse, is in 45 feet, and the snowing of ore is fine.

Annie and Van Arsdale have the tunnel on the Cornucopia now driven in 40 feet, and Wm. Bosse, who has just returned from the claim, states that the ore is rich looking and abundant, and the general appearance magnificent. The ore body is iron sulphurite, carrying gold, silver, copper and lead.

Hon. George E. Foster has purchased two additional claims in the Bubble group, and now owns nearly all the claims that surround Bubble's original location. Next spring a large force of men will be put on.

The Wasa group of claims, on Wasa creek, owned by Wm. Thompson, Wm. Haupt, Pete Rosedale and Eric Sauran, has been bonded to Henry Craft, of Victoria, for \$20,000 cash, at the end of 60 days. The bond was signed on Monday last.

Provincial Surveyor Cleveland, who has been employed for some months in making a triangular survey of the district, has finished his work and returned to the coast.

W. G. Mitchell-Innes, manager of the British Columbia Development Company, has left Golden on his way to the old country. He takes with him 1,000 pounds of ore from the Pretty Girl claim on Tomy Creek, in the Windermere mining division, in order to have a smelting test made.

DONALD.

Donald, Dec. 17.—The closing exercises of the public school were held last Friday. The examination was conducted by the teacher, Mr. Barret, who questioned the classes on the various subjects they had studied. In the afternoon the proceedings were varied by a number of recitations by pupils, and by the Canadian song, "The Land of the Maple," sung by all the children. At the close prizes were distributed by Mrs. Macneil. A number of parents were present and expressed themselves as pleased with the improvement made in the school building, which has been enlarged to twice its former size.

The children of the town are busy preparing for a Christmas tree and entertainment to be held on Christmas eve.

Last Saturday afternoon, at a rehearsal for the Christmas tree, the C.P.R. medical man, Dr. Proctor, was presented with an address and a handsome copy of Picturesque Canada by the teacher and pupil of the public school, as a mark of their appreciation of the interest he took in their welfare during the past year.

Rev. Mr. Duncan, recently from Scotland, conducted the Presbyterian services on Sunday for Mr. King, the local missionary.

Women with pale, colorless faces, who feel weak and discouraged, will receive better health and strength by using Carter's Two Pills, which are made for the blood, nerves and complexion.

SHIPPING LIST.

VESSELS ON THE WAY TO BRITISH COLUMBIA

British ship Albany, 1400 tons; Wolfe, master; from Liverpool to Victoria with general merchandise, R. P. Rithet & Co., consignees. Sailed July 29th. Put into Callao on October 10th with her master sick.
British ship Benicia, 1807 tons; Taylor, master; from Liverpool to Victoria with general merchandise, R. P. Rithet & Co., consignees. Sailed September 7th.
British bark Agnes Oswald, 1350; Nicol, master; from Stanley, F. I., to Victoria; Turner, Beeton & Co. Sailed from Stanley, Falkland Islands, September 27th, bringing the cargo of the British ship Pass of Balloch.
British ship Lord Ripon, 2704 tons; Butler, master; from Liverpool to Victoria with general cargo. Robt. Ward & Co., consignees.
British ship Dunlop, 2087 tons; from Liverpool to Victoria with general merchandise. Turner, Beeton & Co., consignees. Sailed September 15th.
French bark Ville de Redon, 937 tons; Mahon, master; from Punta Arenas to Victoria. Sailed August 12th.
British bark Pass of Killarankie, 1609 tons; Atkinson, master; from Salaverry to Vancouver with sugar for the British Columbia Sugar Refinery.
British ship City of Delhi, 1249 tons; Swan, master; on berth at London for Victoria. H. P. Rithet & Co., consignees. Commenced loading on November 1st. To bring general merchandise.
British ship Dunboyne, 1423 tons; McNeil, master; on berth at Liverpool for Victoria. Commenced loading on November 15th. To bring general merchandise.

British steamer Garonne, on berth at Liverpool and London for Victoria with passengers and freight. Bringing miners for the Klondike.
German bark Philip Nelson, 513 tons; Neumann, master; from Salaverry to Vancouver. Bringing sugar for the British Columbia Sugar Refinery.
British ship Carnarvon Bay, 1795 tons; Griffiths, master; on berth at Liverpool to load general merchandise for Victoria and Vancouver; to commence loading at the end of December. R. P. Rithet & Co., agents.
British ship Alagonia, 2030 tons; Keates, master; to bring sugar from Java for the British Columbia Sugar Refinery; will arrive towards the end of February.

British bark Pramila, Detshardt, master; from San Balis to Royal Roads. Sailed October 24th.

Norwegian bark Ellora, Wagle, master; from Panama to Royal Roads for orders.

British ship Glenalut, Taylor, master; from Adelaide to Royal Roads for orders.

VESSELS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA PORTS.

VICTORIA.

British ship Senator, 1612 tons; Vaughan, master; from Delgoa Bay; awaiting orders.

British bark Senator, Capt. Harrison; from Callao; to load lumber at Hastings mill.

VANCOUVER.

British S.S. Empress of India, Marshall, master.
German ship Magdalene, 1539 tons; Rumff, master; loading lumber at Hastings mill for South America.

FRASER RIVER.

German ship Adelaide; Meyer, master; loading salmon for United Kingdom on account of Bell-Irving & Co.

CHEMINUS.

American brig John A. Briggs; to load lumber for Melbourne, Australia.

DEPARTURE BAY.

Nicaraguan bark Wrestler, Capt. Nielson; discharging nitrate at the Hamilton Powder Works.

GLORY OF THE NIGHT.

The silver tendrils of the stream
Wind through the caverns of the night,
And hush! there does not stir a breath,
A myriad stars in paifd light.

The moon's cold eyeball stares not down
Upon the wonderland; it brings
Home round his arched neck—a crown
Of pearls and silver bloszons.

And while it trails adown the tide
My senses smother, 'neath the gloom
And silence that gulf all beside,
Hail! the white glory of its plume—

Half the clear starlight of each day
Bound in the frost of time's disdain.
A hand grasp at the diadem,
When sudden all is black again.

RAVAGED BY WILD ANIMALS.

Efforts to Exterminate the Beasts in Northwest India Fall.

The grand shikar idea was supposed to be the exclusive property of the Madras government, but it seems that the lieutenant governor of the northwest provinces has also dreamed of the utility of a popular hunt for the extermination in India of the tiger. The Bombay Gazette in Madras, it will be remembered, in its official announcement of forest policy, the government observed that while it found crops are often sacrificed to the predations of other wild animals which find shelter in areas which villagers formerly kept free from forest growth, but which have become overgrown under the neglect of the officers can arrange for the extermination of the animals by organizing periodical beats "which all villagers holding gun but fearing to be invaded attack." It was feared by a speculative contemporary that the beat was calculated to result in the speedy extermination of forest animals. "With regard to the course, it is only a detail. The northward drive, for instance, does not affect pigs, but wolves. No less than 417 persons were killed by wolves alone, and of this number 306 were in Rohilkhand, but in the district where they proved the most destructive only two brutes were shot. The attention of the government is now being directed to the destruction of tigers and a proposal to employ a colony of Hyenas has to exterminate them has been approved. Even in this scheme, however, local administration has had but little faith, and it is apprehended that the wolf hunt on a large scale is to be organized. The simplest plan for the immediate destruction of the wolves is, no doubt, that adopted by the Madras government, that is, to let everybody with a gun loose who may bring out his weapon—and what an assortment of firearms these will be! However, it will be difficult, in that memorable battle, it will be difficult to estimate; far simpler would it be to give the probable number of humans and forest animals that will be killed by wolves has increased to an inordinate extent, and they have been proportionately more destructive in India in the past year than any other wild animal, snake and wild animals together in the past year 24,335 persons lost their lives. Regarding the destruction of dangerous animals, however, in abundance, the number does not apparently decrease. In 1893-94 the total was 25,190 and in 1894-95 24,440.

Harm purgative remedies are fast giving way to the gentle actions and effects of Carter's Little Liver Pill. If you try them they will certainly please you.

The registrar: Tell me your tale, plain and don't you interrupt him.

The plaintiff: Now, Dan Morlarty, is this a man, with ye? Where is my furniture?

The defendant: It is yours, begob. And ye know ye sold it to me. Don't listen to the oncahdham, your honour.

The registrar: Tell me your tale, plain and don't you interrupt him.

The plaintiff: You're a wicked old man, Dennis, and devil of pent rent was there.

The defendant: You know it, though.

The registrar: I've got nothing to do with the rent. The defendant: He could it for ye.

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the Coast, Rupert, Sayward and Quatsino Land Districts—At 51 Langley street on Tuesday, the 28th of December at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of the Cowichan-Alberni Electoral District known as Barclay and Clayoquot Land Districts—At 51 Langley street, on Wednesday, the 29th day of December, at 11 o'clock a.m.

PERSONAL.

W. Fitzstubbles is down from Kootenay. L. G. McPhillips, Q.C., is over from Vancouver.

Dr. Lewis Hall is back from a visit to the Mainland.

A. Walkley came over from the Sound this morning.

R. T. Elliott, barrister, returned this morning from New Westminster.

Mrs. A. E. McDermott, returned from Steveston yesterday evening.

F. W. Foster and son have arrived from Ashcroft to spend the holidays.

Among the latest arrivals at the Victoria are C. Marker, Ottawa; and G. Lund, Revestoke.

Mrs. Bowditch leaves to-morrow evening bound for San Francisco, where she will spend the winter.

Capt. Lloyd, Puget Sound pilot, and J. S. Latimer, of the U. S. customs service are at the Oriental, being here to meet the Pacific.

The following appointments have been gazetted: W. H. Robertson, of McPherson, Justice of the peace for Nanaimo county; and Frank Bonham, of Victoria, and Hugh Nelson, of Trail, for Kootenay county; J. H. Hallett, police magistrate for Greenwood; W. E. Oliver, of Victoria, notary public; Britton, Colquhoun; and F. Vallaston, a member of the licensing board for Grand Forks.

Now doth the wind the fleety cloud

Chase o'er the turquoise sky;

Now doth the children cry aloud

For more home-made mince pie.

—Chicago News.

The sealing schooner Mary Ellen, Captain Scarie, has cleared for her coast cruise. She will not sail until Monday.

• DIED.

ELLIOTT.—At the family residence, Castle Bay Road, on the 22nd instant, Elizabeth, the beloved wife of W. A. Elliott, a native of Braintree, Kent, England; aged 72 years and six months.

The funeral will take place at St. Saviour's at 1:30 p.m. from the residence as above, and at the Reformed Episcopal Church at 2:30 p.m. Friends will please accept this intimation.



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would include the cure of every form of disease which affects the throat and lungs. Asthma, Croup, Bronchitis, Whooping Cough and other similar complaints have (when other medicines failed) yielded to

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CONSIGNEES.

For steamer Kingston from the Sound—Pell & Co., P. T. Paton & Son, Thos. Earle, J. Piercy & Co., F. B. Birbeck & Co., G. Grenier, H. Lonsdale, Mr. McRae, Mr. Gurney, G. O. G. Co., D. Ross & Co., S. Lester & Co., V. & B. Porter & Son, Prov. Pub. Co., G. Clinton, Lenz & Leiser, Fletcher Bros., West Fish Co., C. Paul & Co., Mr. Morgan, G. O. Gilmore & Metc., G. H. Marland, Duncan, Sisters' Hospital.

For steamer Kingston from the Sound—L. G. McPhillips, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Culman, N. Fitzstubbles, F. J. Pearce, F. Friend, R. T. Elliott, C. T. Bigelow and wife.



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Capstan Navy, 30c. and 15c. per tin.

T & B Plug, 125c. Full size plug.

High Life Cigarettes, 3 packages for 25c.

Durham Bull, 2-oz. Bag, 20c.

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NEW DRESS

\$1.50 Values at - - -	75c.
1.25 " " - - -	62½c.
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.75 " " - - -	37½c.
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Received from London To-Day—Linen Hem-stitched and Embroidered Handkerchiefs—Something Choice.

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An article every lady requires.

P. D. \$ 50 Quality - - -	\$.75.
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C. P., Magnetic, Izods, etc., etc., all at half price. Curtains, Sheetings, Pillows, Cottons, Quilts, etc.

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Regular \$1.00 Quality . . .	75c.
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A CHINESE VIEW

Wu Ying Fang, Diplomatic Representative in the United States, on the Port Arthur Episode.

Germany's Policy is a Matter of Much Speculation at Washington.

Fifty Years Ago.
Grandfather's hat! And within it you see, Grandfather's favorite cough remedy. Whether 'twas Asthma, Bronchitis or Croup, Or baby at night waked the house with a whoop, With Ayer's Cherry Pectoral Gran'ther That no cold or cough would ever fall of a cure. In hats the styles change, but the records will show. Coughs are cured as they were 50 years ago.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral has no equal as a remedy for coughs, colds, and lung diseases. Where other soothing elixirs palliate, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral heals. It is not a cheap cough syrup, which soothes but does not strengthen; it is a physician's cough remedy, and it cures. It is put up in large bottles, only, for household use. It was awarded the medal at the World's Fair of ninety-three. It has a record of 50 Years of Cures.

SPAIN AND CUBA.

Some Reassuring Criticism of Existing Conditions.

New York, Dec. 20.—A letter written by one of the foremost diplomats of Spain and one more or less in the entire confidence of the government and therefore in a position to speak officially, destroyed some of the arguments that have been used time after time during the past few days by those in opposition to the Liberal ministry, says the Madrid correspondent of the Herald.

Speaking of this ministry, the writer points out irrefutably that Mr. McKinley's message cannot be construed as attacking the honor of the Spanish army, as Gen. Weyler and his friends would like to make the public believe. In the second place, Gen. Weyler was not recalled owing to pressure from the United States, as by the express wish of the Queen Regent his recall had been decided upon during the late Premier Canovas' lifetime. In the third place, the nation as a whole appears to be more strongly in favor of the government than has been the case in Spain for a long time. Everyone is eager to have done with the Cuban question, and at this very moment the city is decorated and illuminated as a sign of rejoicing over the establishment of peace in the Philippine Islands, while on every hand you hear wishes that the next bill of good news will be of a lasting peace in Cuba.

DIED IN THE DOUGH DISH.

New York, Dec. 20.—The Herald says: Circumstances pointing to a murder of unusual horror were recently brought to the attention of District Attorney O'Fallon and Captain McCluskey, of the detective bureau, the alleged victim of the case having been Peter Doggett, 30 years old, who, if his relatives are justified in their stories, was thrown into the dough-mixing vat at 427 West Fifteenth street on August 28th last and literally cut to pieces.

DIPLOMATIC UNDERSTANDING.
Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 20.—The Brazilian and Italian government have signed an agreement settling the incident of the killing of the Italians at Spiritos Sancto last month. Italy admits that there was no cause for diplomatic intervention.

NOT BORN TO DROWN.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—The schooner *Mayflower*, Captain Olsen, has arrived, fifteen days from Coquille river. The vessel had 112,000 feet of lumber as a cargo when she started, but when she reached here she was 10,000 feet short. A seaman was at one time carried over the side of the schooner, but was caught by a wave and was carried back on board again.

SWEDEN AND NORWAY.

London, Dec. 20.—A dispute from Christiania to the Daily Chronicle says the political situation since the fall of the united committee on foreign affairs has become critical, and it is feared that Sweden will seek an occasion for armed intervention in Norway.

DUTIES ON PIGS AND PRODUCTS.
Paris, Dec. 20.—The chamber of deputies to-day passed a bill increasing the customs duties on pigs, pig products and lard. The bill fixed a duty on hogs at 12 francs; on sucking pigs at 3 francs; on hog products at 50 francs and on lard at 25 francs per hundred kilos.

AUTONOMY DISCOURAGEMENTS.
Madrid, Dec. 20.—Lieut.-Gen. Marin, captain-general of Puerto Rico, is about to resign owing to the impossibility of a reconciliation of the different parties in the islands with a view of establishing autonomy.

CABLE NEWS.

London, Dec. 21.—Saturday, Dec. 25th (Christmas Day), Monday Dec. 27, and the Monday following (Jan. 3rd) will be observed here as holidays.

Madrid, Dec. 21.—Serious strike disorders have occurred at Morenzo, where a band of strikers attacked a band of non-strikers. Several persons were wounded and gendarmes are patrolling the streets.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—Princess Hohenlohe, wife of the imperial chancellor's dead. She had been suffering from inflammation of the lungs. The princess was born February 10, 1829; married February 16, 1847, to Prince Von Hohenlohe-Schillingsfurst, and had four children, three sons and a daughter.

Madrid, Dec. 21.—Official dispatches from Havana confirm the report of the execution of Lt.-Col. Joaquin Ruiz. The Queen Regent has cabled an expression of sympathy to the family of the deceased officer.

Sir Halliday Macartney, the English secretary of the Chinese embassy, was asked to-day if Russia's possession of Port Arthur would be temporary, and he replied that this plea was usually made a pretext for occupation.

AN IMPORTANT MOVE.

New Policy of Ontario With Reference to Timber Limits.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Undoubtedly the leading feature of to-day in Eastern Canada was the announcement this afternoon in the Ontario legislature by commissioner of crown lands Gibson, of the new policy of the provincial government with reference to the timber limits.

The government has yielded to the pressure of the large majority of lumbermen and of overwhelming public opinion, and has decided to put what will be termed a manufacturing clause in the timber regulations, the effect of which will be to compel the sawing within the province of all logs taken from crown timber lands. This legislation will certainly cause considerable comment in the United States and probably some excitement.

THE MURDERED ACTOR.

Great Interest Shown in the Funeral of William Terrell.

London, Dec. 21.—The funeral of William Terrell, the actor, took place to-day at Brompton cemetery. There was an immense crowd of people. The principal mourners were the two sons of the deceased, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Hicks, and Messrs. Cattie, Sir Henry Irving, Mr. Charles Wyndham and Mr. George Crosmeth.

The funeral procession was composed of 100 carriages. On arrival at the cemetery it was found that 50,000 people had assembled there. All the leading theatrical people in London were among those present. It was the most remarkable demonstration of sympathy in recent years.

CRUISERS FOR JAPAN.

Two Under Construction in the United States Ready for Launching.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—The Japanese legation has been informed that the two new cruisers which Japan is having built in this country are so well along towards completion as to be launched within the next few weeks. The cruiser at Cramp's shipyard, Philadelphia, has been christened "Kazagi Kan" and launching will occur on January 20th. The cruiser at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, is named "Chi Tsoe," launching in February. The cruisers are alike in all respects, having a tonnage of 5,000 each. The contracts call for a speed of 22 knots per hour.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

Major Perry, of the N. W. M. P. to be Stationed at Victoria.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Major Perry, of the Northwest Mounted Police, will be sent to Skagway immediately with a large supply of provisions and dogs, and after seeing them over the passes he will return to Victoria, where he will be stationed to superintend Yukon parties at that point.

REV. DR. DAVID A. DAY IS DEAD.

Baltimore, Dec. 20.—It is believed by the authorities that they have located the robbers who held up the Northern Pacific train near Moorhead in October, and one of the alleged robbers is now in the county jail in this city. It is reported he worked in Moorhead long enough to familiarize himself with the situation and engage the help of some local men, who, however, weakened later. It is reported that the prisoner has made a complete confession.

TRAIN ROBBERS LOCATED.

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LAMP CHIMNEYS IN DEMAND.

Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—Notices have been posted in the majority of the lamp chimney factories of the country that instead of the usual two weeks' shutdown, there will only be one day of idleness (Christmas) during the holidays this year. The extra work means thousands of dollars in the aggregate to the workmen in wages.

For Sale by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

DRAGGED THE SUSQUEHANNA.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 20.—Experienced men dragged the Susquehanna river all day yesterday for the body of Rev. S. S. Spearrier, who, it is thought, either committed suicide or was murdered and thrown into the river on Thursday night.

PEACE OR WAR?

China is Asking This Question Regarding Her Relations With Germany.

Russian Influence Paramount—The Situation at Kiao Chau Bay is Unchanged.

NEW RELIGIOUS SECT.

Establishment of an Independent Polish Catholic Church in America.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—The Times-Herald says:

Polish Catholic seceders from the Roman Church, who have organized the independent "Polish Catholic Church of America," with three parishes located in Chicago, received Bishop Anthony Koslowski, leader in the revolt, as the spiritual head of the church in America on Sunday with impressive rites. The new prelate has just returned from Europe, where he went by appointment from his people to receive ordination as a bishop. As he could not secure recognition from the Holy See and was consecrated by a bishop of the Catholic Christian church of Switzerland, there was said to be doubt as to the welcome awaiting him. This proved to be unfounded. The priest's old parish received him back with open arms and great enthusiasm at his course of action. By this act a new sect is formally established in America which occupies the anomalous position of recognizing the Roman Pontiff of the Occident; of subscribing to the Roman Catholic faith as based on the foundation of the Apostles, the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testaments, the traditions of the fathers, the Assumption creed and the Council of Trent, except such decrees as touch upon the Roman jurisdiction and hierarchy—all those, yet affirming as complete liberty in local self-government as the investment of property titles in the local parish organization.

The situation at Kiao Chau bay is unchanged. Germany remains unyielding and Chinese counsels are divided as to whether there should be peace or war with Germany.

China regards Russia as her only friend, and is asking her advice alone.

British influence is nil, having suffered greatly through the failure of the loan negotiations.

China is now negotiating a loan with Russia. The latter demands the dismission of the British railroad engineers in North China, and it is probable that the demand will be granted.

The German drill instructors will be dismissed at the expiration of their contracts and be replaced by Russians. Russian officers have already been appointed to drill the armies in North China.

It is believed that Port Arthur and Kiao Chau were promised to Russia by secret treaty.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—In a strongly anti-British article to-day the Novosti says:

"In consequence of the pretension of England to compensate herself for the Russian occupation of Port Arthur by the acquisition of Port Hamilton or Lazaroff, and in view of the possibility of the disturbing action of Japan, Europe stands on the brink of grave diplomatic complications. It is therefore well to recall that the reinforcement of the German squadron in the Pacific permits Russia, France and Germany to effectively prevent the disturbance of the balance of power between the three powers on the one hand, and Great Britain and Japan on the other, such as might be produced by violent seizures of territory."

In conclusion the Novosti expresses the hope that the isolation of Great Britain in regard to the other European powers will paralyze her action sufficiently to permit the preservation of peace from the dangers threatening at the present moment.

London, Dec. 21.—According to special dispatches received from Shanghai, the British Squadron will make a demonstration at Chee Foo, on the north coast of the Shab Tung territory, as a warning. It is supposed that Great Britain intends to oppose the division of China without consulting her. It is reported that Russia has offered China a loan to pay off the war indemnity.

It is believed, says the dispatch, that Japan and England are acting in concert to reserve China from disintegration, favoring the idea of a protectorate over Central China, with a capital at Nanking.

A German-Chinese commission has been arranged, according to a dispatch from Shanghai to the Daily Mail, to settle the boundary of the occupied district at Kiao Chau, and it is evident, therefore, that the occupation will be permanent. The same dispatch says it is rumored in Shanghai that the British intend to occupy Taliennan, south of Port Arthur, in order to guard the gulf of Pechili.

The Daily Mail's correspondent at Tokio says there is no excitement there over the news from Port Arthur. The press is calm and the public is indifferent. It is rumored also, the dispatch alleges, that a large Russian military force has come overland from Siberia.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The Cologne Gazette embarrasses the government to-day by declaring that the other powers would soon follow the example of Germany and Russia now that the partition of China had actually commenced. Other papers have expressed opinions in a similar strain. It has been hinted that Prince Henry's destination is another point than Kiao Chau and that he will receive the supreme command of the China seas. The Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, however, issues a denial of these assumptions, declaring that they were not warranted by facts.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The Cologne Gazette maintains the accuracy of its statement yesterday that the Russian occupation of Port Arthur was connected with the visit there of the British warship Daphne, about a week ago. As a proof it points out that there were neither Russian ships nor Russian consul at Port Arthur at the time the Daphne visited the harbor, and it argues that Russia could only have learned of the visit there from Chinese compatriots.

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GERMAN FLEET'S DESTINATION.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The assertions that the German fleet, under Prince Henry, will go to Somos and Hawaii, thus creating a menacing situation for the United States, are ridiculous in official circles. When the reports were called to the attention of the German representatives they laughed heartily at the idea. Nothing of the kind has ever been considered. The German fleet will go to China via Suez canal and its destination is Kiao Chau bay.

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BEET SUGAR MEN OPPOSE HAWAII.

Ames, Neb., Dec. 18.—The American Sugar Growers' Society has prepared a petition to congress asking that body not to be hasty in taking action on the question of annexing Hawaii. It has issued a manifesto in which it proclaims to the country that the annexation will seriously cripple, if not utterly ruin, the rapidly increasing industry of sugar beet growing.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The total output of sugar from the Hawaiian Islands for the year just closed, according to the figures of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association, is put down as 248,507 tons, as against 248,553 tons last year.

KITE FLYING THEORIES.

New York, Dec. 20.—Wm. A. Eddy, of Bayonne, N. J., well known as an expert in constructing and flying kites and in aerial photography, has just completed a series of experiments which he thinks prove that his kites may be made of the utmost value to meteorologists and navigators.

He believes that he has established the fact that the pull of his kites on their strings actually measures the velocity of the wind and he thinks that the wind velocity over a wide region is precisely the same at a not very great height above the ground, where the effect of the irregularities of the earth's surface upon the atmospheric movements is annulled.

CONFUSION IN CHILE.

Valparaiso, Dec. 20.—Politics in Chile are sadly mixed. Since the resignation of the cabinet, which was due to the coalition of the government Liberals, the Conservatives and the Balmacedists, there have been several attempts to form a new one, but all efforts in this direction have gone for naught. The coalition of the three parties was based on an agreement to give to each party two members in the cabinet. Senor Isidro Tocornal undertook to form a new ministry by many thousands of Poles in this city. After a solemn high mass had been celebrated by Bishop Koslowski, he made a report of his mission to Switzerland. He produced the document attesting his ordination, which was read in Latin by Rev. Paul Poloch and was interpreted first in Polish and then in English. This parchment is regarded by the priesthood of the new church as ample proof of legitimate ordination. There was no attempt to convey the impression that Pope Leo had given his sanction to the new Polish movement in the wording of the document.

Dr. Poloch says the new Polish church is now in communion with all the independent Catholic churches of Europe, comprising the "Federation of Utrecht," consisting of 30 years ago, with 4,000,000 communicants.

The situation is the outgrowth of the dissensions which rent St. Stanislaus and St. Hedwige Roman Catholic parishes four years ago. Those who now constitute the Independent Polish Church left the mother church under the leadership of Father Koslowski, and for awhile clung to certain political leaders; therefore he failed. Senor Montt was bitterly attacked by the press, and President Errazuriz was criticized harshly by even his own organisations for choosing him. Scheming against the interests of the country was charged and the president was accused of betraying his party. The president has had several conferences with the leaders of the three parties, but so far as can be learned he has arrived at no decision as to whom he will select to form his ministry.

A big mass meeting of workmen was held here to protest against the government's policy or refusal of all offers to build more railway cars and locomotives at home. The speakers demanded that such work be done in order to give employment to those who need it to support themselves and families. A resolution embodying the sense of the meeting was adopted.